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## REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

### THE BIGGEST DAILY

The daily paper in the United States with the largest circulation—somewhere around 2,000,000 if we remember correctly—is the New York Daily News. Hundreds of thousands of working people read the paper, and get from it their ideas of what is important in the world today.

What do they feel is important after a prolonged course of steeping their minds in the New York Daily News? Let the paper tell you the answer to that itself, in a brief ad it recently ran in the New York Times: Said the New York Daily News in that ad:

"Stop living a sheltered life! Life is angry, life is whimsical. Life is a head through a windshield, or a monkey stealing peanuts at the zoo. Life is a chorus girl losing her britches or an Asian bandit losing his head. See it all—the laughter, the gunfire, the shattered glass, the leers, the tears, the legs, the dregs—the newspaper that prints the kind of pictures that see all, tell all, and show life as it really is—the DAILY NEWS!"

### READERSHIP RAID

When the late Adolph Ochs bought the New York Times 64 years ago and established the famous policy of "all the news that's fit to print" he said that he was sure many thousands of workingmen and their families would subscribe to and enjoy reading a paper which reported the significant news of the day. After some years he said that he felt his prophecy had proved correct: a great many working people were buying his paper and enjoyed reading it.

Now, in this little ad we've just quoted, we see a paper which specializes in reporting "the legs, the dregs," trying to raid the readership of the Times by sneeringly telling that readership that it is leading a "sheltered life" since it reads a paper which does not divulge the all important facts of life, such as a "monkey stealing peanuts at the zoo" and "a chorus girl losing her britches."

### TWO QUESTIONS

Let's close with a simple question How seriously do you think any labor people whose attention is confined to papers like the New York News, or to TV and radio programs on a level with such papers, are going to take any serious problem the labor movement faces?

Yes, and a second question: Are YOU one of such people?

ROBERT S. ASH, CLC secretary, is getting so chipper after his operation that stern measures are required to keep him from premature return to his desk.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## 506 housing units okay pleases BTC

Shortly after the Building Trades Council ended its meeting Tuesday night, word was received that the Oakland City Council had voted to approve the construction of 506 new low cost housing units.

The building tradesmen had spent much of the meeting time discussing the possibility that the construction of only 100 new units would be approved by the City Council. For this was the number the Citizens Committee appointed to study the needs for new housing was known to be recommending. The Citizens Committee had contended that the construction of 100 new units and the repair of 250 old units built under the relaxed standards followed in the war emergency would meet the present situation.

But the BTC delegates at their meeting held while the City Council was in session had strongly objected to the idea that 100 new units would suffice, and had voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents that at the very least 200 new units should be constructed. If there had been another of the many postponements the City Council had made of the decision on the issue, BTC Representative J. L. Childers, who was a member of the Citizens Committee, would have made this recommendation of 200 new units as a minority report of the Citizens Committee.

But the 7 to 1 vote of the City Council for the full 506 units possible under previous arrangements with the Federal Government made the proposed minority report unnecessary.

The \$5,000,000 project of building the 506 units is intended to provide homes for persons crowded out of their old ones by construction of a U. S. Post Office distribution center and the Acorn Redevelopment Project, both in West Oakland.

Real estate and apartment house ownership groups have for years resisted any effective use of public housing for low income families, and it was the feeling

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## Carpenters strive to conform to L-G

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, told the Central Labor Council this week that the Carpenters Brotherhood throughout Northern California to meet its interpretation of the 1959 Labor Act, is sending men out to jobs off the top of the list in strict rotation.

He said adjustment to this would probably be a considerable bother for the members for a time. (The final paragraph of Thoman's Chips & Chatter column on page 4 mentions a detail of this matter.)

## 2 NOMINATED FOR CLC TRUSTEE; ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS JAN. 25

Charles Jones, Food Clerks 870, and Dick Muther, Auto Workers 1031, were nominated at the Central Labor Council meeting this week for the 3-year post of trustee, made vacant by the expiration of Jones' term.

President Russ Crowell reminded the delegates that additional nominations are in order at the next meeting, Monday, January 25; and that the election will be held February 1.

## Labor tribute to 'Blackie' Miller, longtime leader

Many labor people attended the funeral of J. S. Miller Monday afternoon at the Chapel of the Oaks.

"Blackie" Miller as he had been called for years by his innumerable friends, had seemed in excellent health when he retired Wednesday evening, January 13, at his home, 2200 East 25th Street. But when morning came it was found that he had died in his sleep.

Marvin Edwards of Painters 127, the union local of which Miller was financial secretary, had sat and talked with Miller a while at 4:30 Wednesday evening. Certainly Miller seemed in good health and good mood, said Edward afterwards.

Miller went home and had supper, watched the fights on TV, and chuckled at having won a dollar from his wife on the outcome. Then to find him dead the next morning was a terrific shock, followed by the realization that if ever a man died peacefully it was the beloved "Blackie."

The Rev. Roland Hills of Trinity Episcopal Church conducted the funeral services. Interment was in Golden Gate national cemetery, San Bruno, as Miller

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## Painters Council 16: See Journal next week!

Leslie K. Moore, executive secretary of District Council of Painters No. 16, asks all those affiliated with the council to watch for a statement to be issued in next week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

The statement was being prepared at the time the paper went to press, but it was impossible to complete it and get it printed in time for this issue.

## BTC, CLC DELEGATES ASKED TO ATTEND COPE MEETING FEBRUARY 8

All delegates to both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council are invited and urged to attend the next meeting of COPE (Council on Political Education) to be held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Monday, February 8.

## Fluoridation, Congress, water issues face labor

Political fact and political prodding to action were the order of the evening at the Central Labor Council meeting this week as the first month of the crucial campaign year of 1960 got past its middle mark on the calendar.

Here were some of the major points made:

- It is important that there be a large attendance at the mass meeting Wednesday of next week, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington School, 60th and Shattuck, on the fluoridation proposition which is to come up in the June 7 primary election.

- All officers and delegates of both the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council are urged to attend the COPE (Council on Political Education) meeting Monday, February 8, in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at which plans for the major events of the campaign year will be mapped out.

- The report of CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx on his attendance at the AFLCIO legislative conference held in Washington last week stressed the feeling of those assembled there for the conference that this was no time for fussing around about who voted how on the final Senate-House conference report on the Landrum-Griffin bill, but that labor should mobilize now to support those Congressmen who voted against the far more drastic bill as it carried in the House.

- It was announced that a big political rally and fund-raising event will be held March 25 when both Congressmen from Alameda County, George P. Miller of the 8th District and Jeffery Cohelan of the 7th District, will be present at a banquet in Jack London Square, with tickets at \$10 apiece.

- A letter from C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor Federation, was read, requesting that no AFLCIO people sign the petition of a so-called "Labor Committee" favoring immediate endorsement of the water plan bonds issue. Labor has insisted on first having a session of the Legislature to grapple with the "unjust enrichment" issue raised by the Federation.

### FLUORIDATION

CLC Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender said that one of the first things that has to be done about the fluoridation elec-

tion is to confer with the county clerks of Alameda and Contra Costa counties and with East Bay Municipal Utilities District to see to it that the fluoridation proposition gets the same number or letter on both county ballots in the June election.

At the January 27 mass meeting the importance of the issue will be stressed, and the fact that the AFLCIO is making a national drive for fluoridation of all water supplies.

### COPE CAMPAIGN

The COPE meeting February 8 to which all BTC and CLC delegates are urgently invited will face the money-raising problem for the campaign to elect men to Federal office, notably to the Senate seat now held by Thomas H. Kuchel, Republican; and to the House seats now held in the 8th and 7th Congressional Districts by Democrats George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan.

No money contributed from the treasury of a union can be used in such campaigns, which makes the annual AFLCIO picnic, to which tickets are voluntarily purchased by individual members, very important as a fund raising source.

Many other matters of importance in connection with the campaign will be discussed at the COPE-CLC-BTC meeting.

### ELECT CONGRESSMEN!

Groulx said that at the legislative conference in Washington President Meany pointed out that after the liberal Congressmen in House had voted twice against the Landrum-Griffin bill and had been defeated, the measure went to the Senate-House conference committee.

Then, said Meany, the executive council of the AFLCIO after

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## Delegates obligated by Central Labor Council

Delegates to the Central Labor Council recently obligated by President Russ Crowell include: Parker Scholes, Photo Engravers 8; Robert W. Hill, Oakland Federation of Teachers 771; Louis W. Dunn, James T. Thornton, Machinists 284; Claude M. Carahan, Nick Antone, Auto Machinists 1546; Marguerite Steward, Bookbinders 31-125; John M. Lappin Jr., James A. Martinez, Repeatermen, Toll Test-boardmen 1011; John K. "Jake" Matthews, Plumbers 38; Carol Sims, Printing Pressmen 125.

## C. K. Williams strike sanction

Sanction to strike the C. K. Williams Company, Emeryville, manufacturer of dry paint materials, was granted by the Central Labor Council this week to Paint Makers 1101 on recommendation of the council's executive committee.

The executive committee had held a hearing on the matter, and Pete Ceremello, secretary-treasurer of Local 1101, reiterated

charges against the company he had made on the floor of the council some weeks ago.

Ceremello says that the company gives every indication of trying to break down the conditions which were won after a long and costly strike some years ago, when the battle lines were extended as far as East St. Louis, Illinois, where the company has another plant.

# HOW TO BUY

"Look mom, no cavities"

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

That charming little girl on television who runs in, hollering: "Look, Mom, no cavities," may be an even more dangerous child than Dennis the Menace. If you heed the insinuation that you too can eliminate cavities just by using a certain toothpaste, you could do damage to your family's teeth.

You can get into even greater dental trouble from the pretty TV housewife, whose family rushes off without brushing, if you let her persuade you to rely on a "toothpaste for people who can't brush after every meal."

These are two examples of the seriously misleading nature of current toothpaste advertising, along with Gardol's "invisible shield" commercials and the "bacteria-destroying" message of Stripe.

Toothpaste advertising always has been one of the worst areas of misleading claims. But current toothpaste ads make pseudo-medical claims that tend to wean people away from the reliable methods of protecting teeth. These claims now are coupled with the special power of television commercials to deceive through artful emphasis.

Perhaps worst of all, through the medium of TV a greater amount of misleading toothpaste advertising is reaching children and implanting false ideas in their receptive little heads. At least some grownups have been fooled enough so they now may be skeptical. Kids, of course, are not able to distinguish false claims.

For example, Dr. Sholem Pearlman of the American Dental Association has reported this experience:

In several Chicago elementary schools, the association tried out posters showing a child washing

his hands before eating, and brushing his teeth after. The children agreed it was a good practice to wash hands. But there was much argument about the need for brushing teeth after eating. The youngsters said that certain TV characters, "in whom they evidently placed a great deal of confidence, said that you only have to brush once in the morning because the toothpaste had something in it that would protect the teeth all day."

The television industry, through the National Association of Broadcasters, has protested this department's recent assertion that TV has become the No. 1 deceiver in advertising. Current toothpaste advertising certainly is another piece of evidence that TV has won leadership in deception. ADA officials also have testified that in the case of Ipana, the printed ads are modest compared to some of the TV commercials. On TV the visual emphasis and vocal presentation exaggerated even further the claims that Ipana routed the character called "De cay Germ."

The shocking thing is that Congressional committees have investigated these misleading toothpaste ads; that the Federal Trade Commission and Food and Drug Administration know what's going on; that the American Dental Association has been trying vainly for months to stop this kind of advertising. Yet there has been no end to it.

## Freezing keeps bread fresh

The best possible way to protect the freshness of a loaf of bread is to freeze it. The entire loaf can be frozen in its original wrapper or parts of a loaf can be wrapped in foil and then frozen.

When serving bread that has been frozen, allow about an hour for a loaf and five to ten minutes for individual slices to thaw. Then thawing can be hastened by putting the bread into a heated oven. Unlike many other frozen foods, bread can be refrozen.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

AMERICANS DESIRE to have heaps of togetherness, everyone jolly and friendly and well adjusted from childhood up, receives somewhat of a bump from the conclusions of Harold C. McCurdy, a psychologist at the University of North Carolina.

McCurdy has studied the careers of 20 geniuses estimated to have had IQs of from 160 to 190. They include such world famous personages as Goethe, Voltaire, and John Quincy Adams.

LONELY CHILDHOODS of these famous persons were studied. One had not "a single friend of his own age," only books written by adults for adults. And throughout he finds that the companionship of adults from an early age, not adults feeding them with candy or telling them they were cute, but adults discussing serious subjects with them, was a major factor in developing their talent, or genius.

Public schools, McCurdy feels, with their emphasis on trying to make all children "normal" and good recruits for the football field, have the effect of reducing to a minimal degree some of the factors, including the one just mentioned, which helped these persons to become great.

NO GENIUS does the present writer claim to be, and he'd hate to find out what his IQ is, but one thing is sure: he has felt grateful to his father all his life for giving him, from a very early age, the companionship of an adult.

Papa—for in those days we were ignorant and unrefined, and called our sires Papa, not Dad, or Father—Papa would come home from the sawmill and a 10-hour or 11-hour working day and talk to his kid about Shakespeare, and John Stuart Mill, and Charles Darwin.

In later years the kid learned that some of Papa's ideas about such people were probably wrong, but that one idea was good—to try hard to make the kid read and think.

## He talked to wrong woman

The young salesman was looking very depressed on his second day on the new job.

"Come, come," said the sales manager. "Don't look so down-in-the-mouth. It's difficult at first but you'll soon get into it. With a little experience you'll get along all right."

"It isn't that," said he man. "When I got home last night I practiced my sales talk on my wife, and now I've got to buy her a vacuum cleaner."

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## Foot care asked

Foot care by licensed specialists in this field (podiatrists) should be included in health and welfare clauses of union contracts, representatives of 35 AFL-CIO organizations agreed at a recent conference on foot care held recently in New York City. — The Machinist.

## Greatest man

"The greatest man who ever lived was Higgins—broadminded, tolerant, generous, patient, temperate, brilliant—yet he died with all his talents unsuspected."

"Well, how did you manage to find out so much about them?"

"I married his widow."—Buffalo Evening News.

EXCITING AS THE BONGO BEAT . . . !

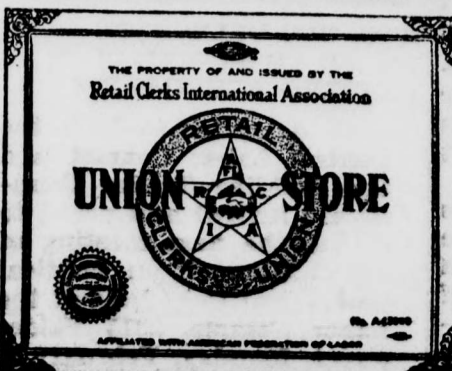
## THE GREAT, GREAT LATIN-AIRES NOW AT EL MOROCCO

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## BOOST THE LABEL!

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

"NO GIRL should be advised to marry in the hope that marriage will solve her essential unhappiness," says an experienced marriage counselor.

The evidence shows, he continues, that an unhappy, maladjusted woman merely adds her problems to those of her husband. They are not magically solved for her by a trip to the altar. This goes for men, as well.

We all know women, and men too, who have lived long, useful and happy lives, without ever having been married. We also know a good many unhappy married people.

The fact is, as the philosophers have always told us, happiness lies within us. Some people are happy and contented, some bitter and unhappy. They may be married or single, rich or poor, healthy or ill, it doesn't seem to matter.

If a girl thinks a lot of money, or a better job, or a husband, will cure her melancholy, she had better take a good look at herself. If she looks within and cannot find the reason for her discontent, perhaps she had better seek the help of a psychiatrist. She is looking for some condition or some person outside herself to do the job she should do herself — find the source of her discontent and deal with it.

The marriage counselors seem to feel the same way about unhappy married couples who think that having children would cure their trouble.

Once in a while this seems to, but it mostly don't. Just read the papers. They are full of stories of divorce where custody of the children is a big issue.

If a couple is not happy in marriage, children often add to the complications. At the very least they are the ones who suffer most if a separation seems necessary. There are all too many of these unhappy little victims of maladjusted adults.

In other words, there is no easy way out of this problem we all face of coming to terms with ourselves and with life. For some people it is easy. For others, difficult.

If parents could have the wisdom to teach their children to face realities as they come along, life might not seem so tough to so many maladjusted and unhappy men and women.

## Leather garments

Soft, beautiful leather garments that don't shrink, stiffen, lose color or become stained by washing or perspiration have been made from leather treated with a new tanning agent called glutaraldehyde.

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**CHARTER MEMBER** and retired financial secretary of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546, J. E. Clark, is shown awarding 35-year membership certificates to Roy Deibler, center, and to his brother, William Clark, at the January 8 meeting of the lodge. Herman Murbach, who was unable to be present, also receives a 35-year certificate.



**AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546** at the January meeting issued 25-year membership certificates to many members. General Business Representative E. H. Vernon is shown on the left awarding the certificates, and President M. E. Francis on the right. Those receiving the certificates: Sitting, left to right, George Thomas, E. K. Schmidt, George Bewall, Pat Rotella, H. D. Noddin, N. B. Linville. Standing, left to right, H. W. Doty, T. F. McDermott, Setve Maramont, George Hutley, Alf Kristofferson, Presley Carr, Steve Musante, J. H. Whitcomb.

## Political issues face labor: fluoridation, congress, water

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earnest consideration decided to ask the labor legislative representatives to pitch in and try to get the measure as it had passed the House amended into better shape. This meant that labor was cooperating in preparing the bill as it would go to both houses for final passage.

The great fear was that unless some kind of a compromise were worked out in the conference committee, the original far tougher Landrum-Griffin bill as it passed the House would be adopted.

So "certainly by implication," reported Groulx, President Meany had said that the vote of some liberal Congressmen for the conference committee's report should not be held against them as a bad vote.

### MARCH 25 RALLY

While Groulx was in Washington it was learned that both Congressmen Miller and Cohelan could be in Oakland on March 25, and so plans are proceeding at once for the discussion of issues and the fund raising at the dinner on that date at Jack London Square.

Groulx said that Miller and Cohelan gave him much help in meeting other members of Congress while he was in Washington, and that it is plain they stand very well with the liberal Democrats there.

### THE WATER BONDS

Neil Haggerty in his plea to labor people not to sign the material being put out by the so-called "Labor Committee" for immediate endorsement of the \$1,750,000,000 water plan bonds coming before the voters in November said that the "committee" is not an official labor group.

The California Labor Federation, said Haggerty, at its last convention took a strong stand for a special session of the Legislature being convened to adopt measures which would prevent the big corporation farm inter-

ests in the great valley from being unjustly enriched by the water plan. If they are allowed to retain their vast holdings and get water from the plan for all their acreage their land values would rise enormously, as would their power relative to labor and the family farmers.

"Needless to say," declared Haggerty, "many of those who would be enriched are the perennial proponents of right-to-work legislation and other restrictive anti-labor laws."

## Leasing of autos tried by council

The Central Labor Council voted this week to sell the three cars used by Secretary Robert S. Ash and his two assistants, Richard Groulx and Arthur Hellender, and instead of buying new ones to lease three cars for a two-year period.

This was recommended by Trustees William Stumpf, W. Douglas Geldert, and Charles Jones, and Executive Committee Member Bud Williams, who joined the trustees in the study of the question. The idea is that after a two-year trial, figures will be available to show whether leasing should be continued or new cars bought.

## Fresno labor backing right of American to live where he chooses

Fresno Labor Council delegates have instructed Secretary Bill O'Rear to write Ward Mosley that the council members "pledge their combined resources to assist you in becoming a resident in any part of the city in which you should choose to live."

Mosley, a Negro student at Fresno State College, has purchased a home near the college. He has received threatening phone calls and vandals have broken windows in the home.

## Venturi, Falls of School 257 retire

At the January meeting of the Alameda County School Employees Union, Local No. 257, the following officers and delegates were elected:

President, George Machado; vice president, Bill Pickens; secretary, Victor Bartels; treasurer, Charles Hardt; financial secretary, Bill Minnick; sergeant-at-arms, George Perry.

Executive board, members at-large: Fred Venturi, Carl Boldt, Harold Benner, Bert England, Kenneth Bret, Angelo Martinez. Delegates to Central Labor Council Alameda Co. — Harold Benner, John Meyer, Clarence Brooke, Lyle Wright.

Fred Venturi declined nomination for president after serving for 5 years as president and 6 years as vice president of the local.

Joe Falls who served as secretary for 11 years declined nomination for another term as he intends retiring from the Oakland public schools at an early date.

## Group which helped win fair employment widens scope and alters name

California Committee for Fair Practices is the new name that has been chosen for the group at first known as the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices.

A statement issued by Chairman C. L. Dellums, Southern California Coordinator Max Mont, and Secretary William Becker says that "the committee will be concerned with the broad field of civil rights, with emphasis on legislation."

Dellums, an officer of the Sleeping Car Porters here and a delegate to the Central Labor Council, is a member of the State Fair Employment Commission appointed by Governor Brown.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

## 2 labor men back onto State Board

Gov. Edmund G. Brown has reappointed Michael R. Callahan to the board of directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, and Ralph H. Bronson to the Industrial Safety Board.

Both posts are unsalaried, but members are reimbursed for time on board meetings and traveling expenses. The term of each reappointee is for another four years.

Callahan, 46, is vice president of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, and executive officer of the State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees. He lives in Long Beach at 3454 Bellflower boulevard.

Bronson, 48, is business manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12, Los Angeles. He lives at 71 East Norwood Place, Alhambra.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

## 200 Guild members represented here

A letter from Sam Eubanks, executive secretary of the San Francisco - Oakland Newspaper Guild, announces that due to the recent vote of the editorial staff of the Oakland Tribune to affiliate with the Guild, there will now be some 200 members represented in the council.

Previously the Guild represented in the council employees of the San Francisco newspapers working in branch offices on this side of the Bay.

## New officers of UC Local 371

Newly elected officers of UC Employees 371 are:

President, M. Scalzo; vice president, D. Wilson; treasurer, A. Hilderbront; Secretary, A. Robertson; sergeant-at-arms, M. Ferreira; executive board, Scoby, Williams, Gallo, Nielson.

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**FIRST CANDY CLERK** to retire under the Northern California Food Industry Pension Plan is Harriet Hales, shown receiving a \$100 check from George D. Read, business representative of Food Clerks 870, while Joseph Edy, owner of Edy's Character Candies, for whom Mrs. Hales worked continuously for 32 years, looks on. Edy generously prepaid the necessary premiums one year in advance to make Mrs. Hales eligible to retire on January 1 under the plan, recently negotiated by the union.

## NLRB says new law prohibits boycott of Packard-Bell

Pete Cunha of the Radio and Television Technicians Union calls attention to the summary of the struggle the union is waging against the Packard-Bell Electronics Corporation which was printed in the January 15 issue of the California Labor Federation's newsletter.

The union struck the three Bay Area service branches of the corporation November 1.

The strike followed a decision of the corporation to end ten years of bargaining with the union and to run its Bay Area service branches on an open shop basis.

The union began handing out leaflets early in December at major department stores urging consumers not to buy Packard-Bell products.

Now the NLRB charges in a petition before a Federal Court in San Francisco that the boycott violates the 1959 Labor Act, commonly called the Landrum-Griffin Act.

"The case is widely recognized in labor circles," says the California Labor Federation newsletter, "as proof that the Landrum-Griffin bill is designed specifically to isolate trade unionist from trade union and to prohibit cooperation in accordance with the basic principle upon which the trade union movement has been founded."

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## Steel Machinists I304

By DAVE ARCA

We do it again. We filed an application to become a Deputy Registrar for Alameda County. Anyone needing to register may now give us the business.

Seems like we got the business last year in restrictive legislation. Doesn't seem possible that we won the election of 1958.

Maybe we should let the Republicans win this year, so their friends can legislate in our favor.

In the Senate, only two Senators voted against the Landrum-Griffin Bill. Senator Langer of North Dakota died November 8, 1959, which leaves Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon as the only living Senator in the United States who opposed the L-G Bill. Why not draft him for President?

Stewards. Our Joint Stewards Council will meet Saturday January 23rd, at 10:30 a.m. All Stewards and Committeemen are requested to attend.

## Carpenters Credit Union

PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

All Carpenters living in Alameda County are eligible to join this Credit Union which formerly was limited to Local 36 members.

All members of Carpenters Locals in Alameda County are eligible, also, regardless of where they live.

This Credit Union closed the year 1959 with over \$97,000 in assets, and on January 15 the assets were well over \$103,000.

The Credit Union is a friendly, cooperative, fraternal organization for the benefit of the members. It is the best place for savings, the best place to borrow.

Interested Carpenters can write for information, or see the Treasurer at Local 36 club room 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, between 4:30 and 5:30 daily. The entrance fee is \$1.00 and to become a full voting member \$5.00 must be deposited in savings (One Share).

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are pleased to report for the benefit of the San Jose members that we have received from the Hamilton factory the necessary watch movement parts and manuals required to set up the class in San Jose City College.

Mr. Bellinger, of the San Jose Unified School District, with whom we are working to get the class established, has informed us that he believes he has the school problem solved which was the last obstacle.

I am quite confident that the class will begin on Friday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the San Jose Junior College, located at Los Gatos Road and Moorpark Avenue.

We have reported the names and addresses of the members who will make up the list of the first class.

For those members that are carrying the Kaiser coverage, January is the month in which the additional costs must be paid. If you are not sure of the

amount, please contact the union office.

Nomination for officers will be held at the January meeting.

REGULAR MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO will be held on Thursday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At the meeting of the Northern Council of the California Pipe Trades Council held recently, General Organizer Archie Virtue announced his retirement, effective September 1960. Brother Virtue has been in the district since 1950 and has done an outstanding job, covering the State of California and Nevada. California, alone, has 36 United Association local unions and 3 district councils, representing approximately 27,000 members of the United Association.

When General Organizer Virtue was assigned to this District, there were various problems confronting not only our local unions but also their membership. Brother Virtue accepted this challenge and has done a great deal in bringing about harmony between the various local unions and the trade labor movement.

In behalf of the officers and membership of this local union, we wish General Organizer Virtue good health and much happiness for the future.

The Northern Council meeting was well attended and the information received was most beneficial to the business representatives and delegates. Local Union No. 350 was the host local union for the Northern Council meeting.

Election of officers of the Northern Council for 1960 was held with incumbents being re-elected. The secretary and president are Sam Abruscato, Local 467, San Mateo, and the writer, respectively.

The 1960 California Pipe Trades Council convention will be held in the City of San Francisco. Local Union No. 38 of San Francisco will be the host local union for this convention.

The sixth 1960 Legislative Conference of the Building and Construction Trades Department will be held March 14-17, 1960 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. General President Peter T. Schoemann urges that all United Association unions send proper representation to this conference. The purpose of this conference is to inform the members of Congress about the legislative wishes of building tradesmen. Delegates to the past conferences also know that there are many members of Congress who are not sympathetic with the aims of organized labor and no amount of informing them of the position of laboring men does any good. Indeed, the success of these conferences and the other legislative activities of the department depends upon the fact that there must be in Congress legislators who will look upon the request of organized labor with reason and fairness. So, you can see that it is very important that proper representation is sent to the conference by all organized labor.

Be sure to attend your union meetings, which are held the first and third Thursdays of each month.

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## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Next Friday, January 22, is a Special Called meeting of Local 36 to elect delegates to the State Council convention, so be down and cast your ballot.

If the crowd justifies it, I will auction off brother Van Fleets tools. The last time we had a very small crowd and did not feel it right to do so. This will be after the meeting.

Some fifty people attended the annual Credit Union meeting. The proposition to expand the membership to other locals in the area was passed after discussion pro and con. Therefore members of Local 1149 or 1473 or 194 can join if they want to be part of the Credit Union. Members of other locals are in the same boat if they so desire.

For those on the out of work list remember 8:30 a.m. Monday is roll call to hold your place on the list. The top ten or so on the list would do well to be there for call to work daily, although no more than two or three calls a day are coming in.

## ILWU finds glass seems unbreakable

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx announced at the council meeting this week that while in Washington attending the AFL-CIO legislative conference he met with high officials of the Glass Blowers to discuss the effort the ILWU is making to take over workers in the glass factory warehouses.

Groulx added that on his return he learned from the office of Daniel Flannery, regional AFL-CIO director, that six of the seven applications for an election made by the ILWU had been turned down by NLRB.

Later in the council meeting Charles Estorga of a Glass Blowers local read a statement severely critical of some of the local leaders of the Glass Blower locals here, and also of the international officers, whereupon a delegate from another Glass Blower local arose and claimed that the document which had been read was being circulated by persons favoring the ILWU.

## Pioneer organizer dies in New York

NEW YORK—Salvatore Ninio, a pioneer leader in garment organization, a vice president of the Ladies' Garment Workers from 1915 to 1956 and a spearhead of unionism among Italian immigrants in a wide variety of trades, died in a Yonkers, N. Y., hospital after a long illness.

He came to this country from his native Sicily in 1899 at the age of 16 and worked so effectively for the ILGWU that the late President Samuel Gompers of the AFL borrowed him to organize among newly arrived Italian workers in New York, Philadelphia and Boston.—AFL-CIO News.



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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

The special called meeting has been postponed to Friday at 8:00 p.m., January 22, 1960, for the nomination and election of delegates to the California State Convention of Carpenters. Secretary Bartolini of the Bay District Council of Carpenters will also explain the many facets of the new hiring hall procedures to the membership. Please be in attendance.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8:00 p.m., January 21, 1960. The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., January 27, 1960.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

A regular and a special meeting is on tap for Friday night, February 5, 1960. After the regular order of business is disposed of, the special meeting will be called to order to elect three candidates to serve on our executive board, and three to be elected as delegates to the California State Conference of Painters convention to take place in Long Beach from February 26th through the 28th, 1960.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Will meet, Friday, January 22, 1960, 8:00 p.m. at 2315 Valdez St., Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

At our next regular meeting of January 22, 1960, nominations will be in order for delegates to attend the California State Conference of Painters convention.

After our regular order of business a special meeting will be called to order to elect two delegates to represent Local 40 at the California State Conference of Painters convention to be held in Long Beach, February 26, 27, and 28, 1960.

Refreshments will be served. It is very important that your pension plan forms be sent in so you may claim past services credit. This will add many dollars to the total monthly benefits when you apply for your pension, so let's take care of this important matter immediately.

Fraternally yours,  
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## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

### SPECIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATION & ELECTION PAINTERS 127!

The members of Local 127 are hereby notified that by act of the membership at a regularly called meeting held January 14, 1960, and pursuant to Section 177, 171, 172, 173 of the Gen. Const., nominations for the office of Financial Sec. will be held at a Special called meeting on the night of Feb. 11, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. Hall A, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St. Oak.

You are further notified that nominations will be made from the floor on that date. You are also notified that the election of the Financial Sec. will be held the same night at 8:00 p.m., at the above address, to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the death of J. S. (Blackie) Miller.

Be sure to attend this meeting to participate in both the nomination and election.

Nominations for delegates to the State Conference of Painters will also be in order that night.

Fraternally,  
ED GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Sec.

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, January 21, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Thursday, February 4th to act on Burial Fund Plan.

Fraternally yours,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Please fill out the Pension Plan Enrollment and Past Service Claim forms, mailed to you recently, and return to our business office at once.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN  
Financial Secretary

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

There will be a stag social after the January 29 meeting for members only.

Watch this column for any changes or special events.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## Union leader held one of top 10 men

COLUMBUS, O. — A union leader has been named by the Columbus Citizen-Journal as one of the "top 10 men of 1959" in terms of "service to the community."

Charles Brush, the newspaper declared, "led the successful exodus of thousands of Central Ohio bakers from the old, corrupt Bakery and Confectionery Workers which had been expelled from the AFLCIO. As secretary-treasurer of the local bakers' union, he enrolled the bakers in the AFLCIO American Bakery and Confectionery Workers. He has stood strongly for a clean labor movement." — AFL-CIO News.

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## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Union Local No. 444 will be a special called one and will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 1960, in Hall A of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California. The following agenda will be carried out:

A—The regular order of business.  
B—Installation of officers for the years of 1960 & 1961. The general organizer for the United Association for California and Nevada, Brother Archie Virtue, will be present to install these newly elected officers.

C—Refreshments will be served upon adjournment of the meeting. Brothers, Hall A is a small meeting hall and only seats 300 people, but I am hoping that since this is our first meeting in 1960, you will join with me in demonstrating to Brother Virtue the high type of meeting held by our local.

I am assuming in your New Years resolutions one was included for your local union—to pay your dues quarterly in advance so that if an emergency should arise, your beneficiary would be protected at all times and be able to collect your United Association insurance; also you, as a member would protect yourself and be eligible to vote on the important matters that come before the membership.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Fin. Sec'y-Treas.  
Business Manager

## Letter Carriers install January 23rd

A. B. McClintock, efficient publicity chairman for the Letter Carriers, informs this paper that all branches of the National Association of Letter Carriers in the Bay Area are invited to attend a joint installation of the officers of Branch 76, National Association of Letter Carriers and Live Oak Auxiliary No. 12 to be held at Danish Hall, 164 11th Street on Saturday, January 23 at 8:00 p.m. The officers to be installed are:

President, Louis D. Nowak; vice president, Daniel J. Sweeney; recording secretary, Martin P. Sglav; financial secretary, Archie P. Klaiss, Jr.; treasurer, Robert G. Christian; MBA collector, Henry B. Buckalew; NSBA collector, Curtis Pruett; trustees, (3) Wm. C. Croken, Steve Green, Chas. Mincolla; scribe, Marty Sglav. Sergeant-at-arms, R. G. Kaprielian.

Ladies Auxiliary officers: President, Betty Mincolla; vice president, Mary Elmstedt; recording secretary, Tessie Kliss; financial secretary, Ruth Sglav; treasurer, Doris Atcheson; mistress at arms, Adeline McClintock; color bearer, Lillian Humphries; trustees, Dora Jensen and Sadie Jackson, Chaplain, Margaret Curtis.

There will be refreshments and entertainment after the ceremonies.

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## Senator Dirksen tells how he goes after any favor

A revealing peek at how a powerful senator gets things done in Washington for those he wants to help was offered by Senator Everett M. Dirksen (Rep., Ill.).

Dirksen, the Senate GOP leader, made it plain he doesn't just go "through channels" at government agencies, the way ordinary people would have to do who lack a man like Dirksen behind them.

Speaking at a hearing on a bill to curb backstage pressures on Uncle Sam's regulatory agencies, Dirksen declared: "Look at the practical aspects of the matter . . .

"If I want to do business with the Navy," Dirksen continued, "I call up some admiral that I know, and I know a good many. If I want to call up the Army, I call up Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker. I've known him for 30 years."

It's the same way with the big Federal commissions, Dirksen declared. "One of the members of the commission comes from Illinois, let us say; what would be the natural thing to do? Call up the clerk? Why certainly not. You would call up the person in the commission that you know. That is the most natural thing in the world."

Dirksen, a conservative who has been in Congress since 1933, went on to tell how Washington's many cocktail parties have served him well over the years. "You go to a cocktail party," he said, "you see a member of a commission. You may see him two or three times, you may see him a dozen times.

"I suppose some of them I have seen a hundred times in 25 years," Dirksen continued. "Hi Joe! You know him by his first name. You know something about his family. What is the natural thing to do? I will call up Joe Doak."—Labor

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## Labor tribute to 'Blackie' Miller, longtime leader

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was a veteran of World War I. He was 69 years of age, and would have been 70 in March.

He was president of the Labor Temple Association at the time of death, was a former president of District Council of Painters 16, and of the Alameda County Building Trades Council. After retiring from the BTC presidency and being succeeded by Joseph Pruss of Sheet Metal Workers 216 he remained a delegate faithfully attending and participating in the discussions there.

A native of Iron Mountain, Michigan, he entered the labor movement here in 1919.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Miller; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Costa of San Lorenzo; son, J. T. Miller of Oakland; and four grandchildren.

At the regular meeting of Local 127 last Thursday Sam Caponio, president of the local, was appointed to fill the post of financial secretary temporarily, and it was decided to hold an election for the post February 11. Marvin Edwards has been released from his duties as business representative of District Council 16 to help Caponio in the office until after that election.

Both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council made their adjournments in respect to the memory of the man so long known to both councils.

## Albany Democratic Club Fun Night February 5th

The Albany Democratic Club will have its big Fun Night February 5, at 1607 Posen Avenue, Berkeley, announces Bob Smith of the Steel Machinists.

"It will begin at 8 p.m.," he says, "and run until . . . !"

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## Railway Engineers tell why firemen are still needed

The fireman acts as the engineer's eyes on the left side of the engine and many times he is the only man who can relay the signals of the brakemen or switchmen. If the rail managements are successful in further reducing crews and lengthening trains, your delays will be multiplied many times.

This basic five-man crew consisting of an engineer, a fireman, two brakemen and a conductor, is not something that evolved by chance. Long experience has shown that this is absolute minimum for a safe operation. In yard service an engine crew of two, and three switchmen again are the basic five who can safely and efficiently switch the cars and work around sharp curves that are a part of most industries.

The managements cry "no fires to tend." It is true that modern technology has lessened the fireman's physical labor but he still provides the same service he always did in all matters pertaining to the safe operation of trains and engines.

When there is a malfunction of the diesel engine of one of the units while they are moving, he is the one who takes the appropriate action to keep the train moving. If his job is abolished all trains will of necessity stop while the only engineman left would go back to make the correction.

The brakemen are also victims of this deliberate program of the management to misinform the public. Actually, in my opinion, we need more, not fewer, brakemen on these long, long trains. "No brakes to set" cry the ads and slanted news items in your newspaper. The fact is that both rule and law require hand brakes to be set when cars are left unattended on grades. Railroads discipline their employees if they fail to do this.

The management piously says it will retain the firemen on passenger trains. If the firemen provide an added measure of safety for passengers, are the men who operate the freight trains any less entitled to a safe operation?—Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

## Pension-Labor Democrats county meeting Jan. 29th

County President C. F. Dittmar of the Pension-Labor Democrats announces that the quarterly dinner meeting of all the clubs will be held at the True Food cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street, Oakland, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 29. Big issues face the pension-labor movement in this crucial campaign year, says Dittmar.

## Labor man tells how it feels to join City Council

Dick Marriott, editor of the Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin, told in that paper how it felt to be installed as a member of the Sacramento City Council:

It was an embarrassing occasion, although a deeply gratifying one when I was sworn in as a city councilman in a special meeting in the City Hall.

Gratifying, in that the hopes and aspirations of last fall's campaign were fully realized; I was in the winner's circle on election day and now, January 4, was duly sworn and seated.

Embarrassing, in that we threw discretion to the winds and decided to take the whole family to see Dad seated. When the evening's business concluded, newly elected Mayor James McKinney called on each councilman for remarks and introduction of guests.

I started off fine, introduced Mrs. Marriott and Christina, in mothers arms... then skipped to Mary Beth... Ann Marie... James... and Richard... and in so doing overlooked Marty, age 3, completely!

When the meeting adjourned, and cake and coffee were to be served, City Manager Cavanaugh suggested that someone other than Councilman Marriott serve cake to the Marriotts. That way no one would be left out!

I am thankful to the many friends who were present with their good wishes, and I enjoyed their laughter at my discomfort as much as they..

## Cohelan broadcasting on KRE each Wednesday

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan began Wednesday a series of weekly, five minute radio broadcasts on Station KRE on actions of the Congress, scheduled at 5.25 p.m. each Wednesday.

This program will be continued throughout the current session which is expected to adjourn early in July.



COMMUNICATION WORKERS' \$3.5 million building in Washington has been completed. The international union's offices occupy four floors of the fine new structure, with the remainder leased as offices and stores.

## Stock option game rapped by labor

WASHINGTON — Elimination of capital gains tax treatment for profits growing out of stock options was proposed by Leonard Lesser, director of social security activities for the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department, in testimony at a House Ways and Means Committee hearing on changes in tax laws.

Such profits were taxed at the applicable income tax rates prior to 1950, he recalled. The present practice has created a serious loophole through which persons in top income brackets can escape paying their proper share of the tax burden, he added. — AFLCIO News.

## Michigan's labor papers form group

LANSING, Mich. — Editors of Michigan labor papers have formed a statewide Labor Press Council at a two-day conference and workshop at Michigan State University here.

The conference, aimed at helping editors make the labor press more meaningful and interesting to readers, combined technical workshops on news writing and typography with sessions on state legislative and economic problems. The 50 participating editors also heard Thomas E. Harris, associate general counsel of the AFLCIO, discuss the effect of the Landrum-Griffin Act. — AFLCIO News.

## Laws in interest of public needed

WASHINGTON — AFLCIO President George Meany has called on the 86th Congress to enact a broad legislative program geared to regaining superiority in military weapons, invigorating the national economy, insuring meaningful civil rights safeguards and providing "minimum social protections."

"We demand in the public interest," said Meany, "that Congress finish its unfinished business before adjourning for the 1960 political campaign." — AFLCIO News.

## Phantom inflation fought, says Meany

WASHINGTON — The Administration has been paying "too much attention to fighting in phantom 'inflation' and not enough to developing a higher rate of growth or cutting back the recurring recessions," AFLCIO President George Meany told the Joint Economic Committee.

In a letter to Committee Chairman Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) Meany declared the "attitude of the monetary authorities has been almost exclusively concerned with the level of prices, not the level of unemployment or the deteriorating condition of public services." — AFLCIO News.

## New York unions back good housing

NEW YORK — Three unions are backing with hard cash their conviction that crowded Manhattan can provide modern housing for middle income families—and not just the extremes of slums and luxury apartments.

At ground-breaking ceremonies on New York's East Side, construction was begun on the 12.5-acre Seward Park cooperative houses. A spokesman for one of the sponsoring unions, Business Mgr. Harry Van Arsdale of Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said the ceremony should have taken place five years ago, when the project was planned.

He charged the project was "unnecessarily delayed" by interests which are opposed to the abolition of sub-standard housing. He said the result of obstructions put in the way of slum-clearance is that "slums are growing faster than they are being eliminated."

Pres. Alex Rose of the Hatters and Sec.-Treas. Martin Rarback of Painters Dist. Council 9—the other unions helping to finance the \$22.5 million cooperative—emphasized the urgent need for middle income rental housing.

The Seward Park project will provide homes for 1,728 families at an average rental of \$21 a room. It is the fourth major development in Lower Manhattan sponsored by the cooperative United Housing Foundation. The others are Amalgamated Houses, Hillman Houses and the Corlears Hook apartments. — AFLCIO News.

## Glass Blowers are given high praise

PHILADELPHIA — The Glass Bottle Blowers Union "operates under efficient business policies and is a credit to organized labor," according to Dr. Miles E. Hoffman, veteran associate professor labor relations at Temple University.

Hoffman came to that conclusion after conducting a survey into the GBBA's development, structure and functions during which all of the union's records were made available to him by GBBA President Lee W. Minton. Minton also issued blanket instructions to all union personnel to answer all queries "truthfully, completely and without reservation." — AFLCIO News.

## Cohelan's bill on pay for servicemen boosted

Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates has recommended passage of legislation introduced by Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Oakland and Berkeley to equalize pay of retired servicemen.

In Washington, Congressman Cohelan said that he considers final action on this bill, H. R. 384, will be taken during the present session of Congress.

## Government board raps broadcaster for anti-unionism

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission has sharply rebuked the Metropolitan Broadcasting Corp. for the use of its television facilities in programs to discredit the trade union movement.

The commission's reprimand involved two Metropolitan stations—WTTG-TV in Washington and WNEW-TV in New York—and stemmed from formal complaints filed by AFLCIO Associate General Counsel Thomas E. Harris.

The FCC listed these activities of the MBC affiliates as being "not consistent" with commission policy regarding "editorializing" by broadcasters:

• During McClellan special Senate committee hearings involving the Auto Workers and Kohler Co., WTTG furnished free films of selected portions of the investigation to 27 television stations, without informing them that the films were paid for by the National Association of Manufacturers.

• On the eve of congressional action on controversial labor legislation, both stations telecast a program supporting the restrictive Landrum-Griffin bill. The AFLCIO assailed this as a "one-sided presentation" and a "perversion of the public service concept."

The commission's complaint against WTTG's role in connection with the Kohler hearings noted that the station, working with NAM representatives, sent 102 telegrams to stations in different markets offering to sell the film summaries.

The offers, said the FCC, "were made at the suggestion and request of the NAM" and the cost of the telegrams "was divided between NAM and WTTG," although the wires significantly made no mention of the role of the industry front group.

When not a single station accepted the offer to sell the films, the commission complaint continued, "arrangements were made by NAM to have said summaries made available free of charge to interested stations." Again, the FCC noted, "no information was given by WTTG... during any transmittal to any of the stations receiving said summaries that they were being supplied by NAM." — AFLCIO News.

## British unionists seek consumer aid

LONDON — The British Trades Union Congress has proposed establishment of a national council to protect the interests of consumers.

It made the suggestion in testimony before the Committee on Consumer Protection set up by the government. The council, it maintained, should test consumer goods of all types and make public reports, and advise individuals and consumer organizations. — AFLCIO News.

## Carpenters moving toward big drive on anti-laborites

California Carpenters will institute and spur a strong program of corrective and constructive labor legislation at their 52nd annual convention in Sacramento next month, it was announced this week.

Harry J. Harkleroad, executive secretary of the California State Council of Carpenters, the largest State unit of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, said that leaders of all State Councils of the Brotherhood, not only from Western states but from the Eastern seaboard, are being invited to participate in launching a comprehensive program.

In addition to Carpenters leaders, Harkleroad said efforts are being made to obtain other featured speakers. One whole day of the convention, to be held February 23-26 at the Hotel Senator, will be devoted to an open forum on labor problems, with the aim of bringing about a general labor conference on legislation as soon after the convention as possible.

The program was approved by the advisory board of the council, with representation from all segments of the craft present, at a recent meeting in Fresno. The proposal will be presented to the convention by resolution. Other top officers of the State Council are C. R. Bartolini, secretary of the Bay Counties District Council, president; and Gordon A. McCulloch, Los Angeles District Council vice-president.

"It is up to the Carpenters, as a major basic craft of the construction industry, to take the lead, and quickly, to combat the rising tide of anti-labor legislation on local, State and national levels, that is detrimental not only to the building trades, but to labor as a whole," Harkleroad said. "We have sat back too long and depended on those in high places who we thought were friends."

"Our craft, like various others, must face the inroads of automation, and we must protect ourselves in this and other fields. We must not delay further efforts to correct anti-labor legislation that is already on the books, but try to stop other that is in the making by our enemies."

"We are asking, and expect to receive, full support of other major units of labor in developing a vigorous program which will be presented to our lawmakers at all levels, with strong recommendations."

## Terfansky is 'man who' will advise and butt in under that ugliest law

Harold M. Terfansky, 33, has been named as the acting chief compliance officer here for the new Labor Department bureau being organized throughout the U. S. to carry out the recently enacted Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act. His area of responsibility will be the northern sections of California and Nevada.

Main duties of Terfansky and his staff will be to assist labor organizations and employers to comply with the new law, and to conduct inquiries into complaints of violations under it. His office is at room 315, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco.

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DIRECTOR

Member of Painters' Local 127

## BTC pleased by housing o. k.; smaller allotment was feared

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of the building tradesmen that these powerful forces had influenced the decision of the Citizens Committee to plump for what, in view of the emergency, seemed the ridiculously low figure of 100 new units.

Marvin Edwards, Painters 127, said at the BTC meeting that the Citizens Committee was trying to pull a fast one in recommending the reconverting of the flimsy old wartime units. He had seen two children die in fires in these old traps, and he was definitely opposed to any scheme for reconstructing them or using them any further.

C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36, said that Childers as representative of the building trades on the Citizens Committee, naturally did not wish to go along with anything less than the needed 506, but that the building trades had only a minority voice on the Citizens Committee. Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, said Childers seemed to feel there was some chance of getting at least 200 units, and that half a loaf is better than none.

BTC President Joseph Pruss said that as a member of the Redevelopment Agency board he was aware of how urgent the need is for the full 506 new units; that the new Post Office building crowds out many people, and the High Street Homes project, on land belonging to the PG&E which that company wishes to have back, must be abandoned; and that all in all, the emergency is real and immediate.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters, said that he had made a survey of the old Harbor Homes units, and found that they are death traps; the Citizens Committee lacked a commonsense knowledge of construction if they thought such places could be remodeled satisfactorily.

Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, asked whether it was a good thing to have a representative of the building tradesmen sitting with such a group as the Citizens Committee. Paul Jones replied that it was essential, but that we must not be too critical of what our representatives are able to achieve on such committees, as they face very tough and entrenched opponents.

President Pruss added that, after all, only labor has been really fighting for the building of these new units.

Childers was absent from the BTC meeting, watching the proceedings at the City Council.

## ACTION ON EMERGENCY HOUSING BILL TAKEN

On motion of Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, it was voted to send letters to Congressmen George P. Miller, and Jeffery Cohelan asking that they keep the BTC office fully informed on the bill, HR 9371, known as the Emergency Home Ownership Act.

The House Banking Housing Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled to start hearings on this bill next Monday, January 25.

The bill was introduced by Congressman Albert Rains. It would provide a \$1 billion prop to the housing market by means of additional purchases by the Federal National Mortgage Association of mortgages on lower priced houses.

In general, it is the purpose of the bill to halt the serious slump in residential construction, to increase both on-site and off-site job opportunities, to help achieve an expanding full employment economy, and to broaden home ownership opportunities for the American people.

Roe said that it was important to get Congressmen Miller and Cohelan informed on the serious unemployment situation which confronts the building trades, and the possibilities this bill holds out of giving an immense boost to employment and to the ownership of decent homes by people of lower income.

## TRIBUTE TO MILLER

President Pruss spoke feelingly of his long association with J. S. "Blackie" Miller of Painters 127, who passed away in his sleep last week, and who was Pruss' predecessor as president of the Building Trades Council.

Pruss said that Miller was a veritable wheelhorse for labor, that he had always worked cheerfully and conscientiously at any task he deemed necessary for the advancement of labor's cause, and that both as a labor colleague and a personal friend he would be greatly missed by a great many people.

Pruss was elected president of the BTC when Miller announced that he did not wish to run for reelection.

At the time Miller handed the gavel over to Pruss he made a statement which touched the hearts of his hearers, telling how much the labor movement had done for him, and how he loved it.

When the BTC adjourned, it was out of respect to the memory of Miller.



GUNS CONFISCATED from non-union workers entering Wilson & Co. meat packing plant in Albert Lea, Minnesota, are examined by Freeborn County Sheriff Everett Stovern. Plant, closed more than two weeks by martial law imposed by Gov. Orville L. Freeman (D), was reopened under federal court order. Nine non-union workers were jailed for carrying the firearms, later released on a technicality. Negotiations have been resumed at Chicago.

## Berkeley teachers seek outside jobs

A dangerous trend of teachers seeking outside jobs has been developing in Berkeley.

Sheer necessity for providing a decent standard of living for their families has forced teachers to curtail the amount of time devoted to schoolwork and seek employment elsewhere after school hours.

Education in Berkeley has suffered as a result of this development, and will continue to suffer, until an adequate salary is provided for teachers.—Berkeley Federation of Teachers.

## Fishermen's Union BA is on Fisheries Commission

Governor Edmund G. Brown has announced appointment of John S. "Bricky" Crivello of Monterey to the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission.

The new appointee is business agent and secretary of the Seine and Line Fishermen's Union of Monterey.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

## Eden Hospital in Engineers 39 pact

Herb H. Sims, Stationary Engineers 39, reported to the Central Labor Council settlement of the negotiations with Eden Hospital, a two-year contract having been agreed upon, retroactive to October 1, providing for 17½ cents an hour wage increase the first year, and 15 cents on October 1, 1961.

The contract provides for a \$10 to \$20 per month shift differential after 5 and before 8 a.m.; and that prorate on vacation shall begin after 6 months employment instead of after a year as formerly.

Sims said that he wished to thank the following for assistance: Hospital Workers 250, Cooks 228, CLC Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender; and that State Conciliator Tom Nicolopoulos had worked faithfully trying to bring the two sides together in an agreement.

HUNTERS, FISHERMEN do not have the right to walk across private lands in order to get to landlocked county, state or federal lands or waters, is the ruling of Attorney General Stanley Mosk.



KEEP YOUR EYE on the parade of professional scabs marching daily into the plant of the strike-bound Portland Oregonian. William (Beano) Glover is shown going in for the early morning shift as a printer; his wife, Justine, left, and Patsy Moore, also strikebreakers. Glover is a veteran of strikebreaking operations in Ohio, Michigan, Texas and New York. The Oregonian used to be a great individual paper, now it's a mere link in a chain, and the management is plainly determined to have it operated by a chaingang.

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## Of course the cats love to give aid to the mice

Daniel G. Aldrich Jr., dean of agriculture at the University of California, and until recently chairman of the department of soil and nutrition at the Davis campus, has been chosen by the State Industrial Welfare Commission to head a 17-member committee to make recommendations on minimum wages and conditions for women and minors working in agriculture.

The California Labor Federation in its newsletter points out that "Aldrich was the recommendation of big-farm groups," and declares politely but firmly that "agricultural professors generally do not have any significant knowledge of the vast and complicated social problems which attach to the employment end of agriculture . . . in their involvement with the technical aspects of agriculture they have established working relationships only with the employer side of agriculture."

In short, it's like putting an expert on metallurgy who has always worked with the big steel corporations in as chairman of a committee to study what the wage and working conditions of steelworkers should be.

It was a dean of agriculture of UC who made the "study" and the recommendations which led to the founding of the Associated Farmers.

Let's see what kind of recommendations the present dean of agriculture turns up about farm women and children.

## The biggest little strike

Don't undersell to yourself the importance of the crisis in the newspaper field in Portland, Oregon. It is, as many have pointed out, a small strike in the number of persons involved, whether one is referring to the strikers or the strikebreakers, when it is compared with a great national industry strike. But it is by no means small, as again an increasing number of alert labor people are saying, when it comes to the significance of what is going on up there.

Strikebreakers are being brought in from all over the country—professional rats and scabs—to take the places of all those on strike and all those observing the picket line. The absentee owner of the once great Portland Oregonian, which is now a mere rusty link in a chain, is getting control of the other Portland paper, the Oregon Journal, at the same time that he is showing us how ruthless the onslaught upon labor in general seems destined to be in the near future.

## Patriotism? No soap!

When Governor Brown said that there seemed to be something wrong with our American sense of values when it is taken for granted that Neil McElroy should resign as Secretary of Defense "in the midst of a great world crisis" in order to go back to running a soap company, McElroy told the press:

"I don't plan to get into any quarrel with a politician. I've pulled out of all that. I'm in the soap works now and I plan to stay out of trouble. I know what I think of his statement but I plan to keep it myself."

That is certainly no fit comment on Brown's statement; it is the feeble verbal fumbling of a man who knows what he wants—\$285,000 a year as head of a soap works rather than \$25,000 a year as head of defense of a nation which men have died for.

## Hon. Sam's uphill trail

Sam Rayburn's announcement that he does not wish to be chairman of the Democratic convention means that he wants to put all his energy into trying to get his fellow Texan, Senator Johnson, chosen as the Presidential candidate.

Honorable Sam will have a hard time persuading labor people to support the Johnson who boasted in a letter last August 22 to his constituents that he voted for the Taft-Hartley Act and to override the veto of that law.

## 'A hell of a licking!'

The New York Times headed a story in its January 6 issue "The Rout of Big Steel," and in the concluding paragraph of that story said:

"The most succinct epitaph for the industry's attempt to regain the driver's seat in union relations came from the head of one of the biggest companies: 'We took a hell of a licking.'"

That seems to sum up the matter with accuracy.



## IKE & NATION ADRIFT ON POPULARITY OCEAN

The Washington Post, a newspaper noted for careful editorial analysis of important problems, headed its editorial on the State of the Union message of President Eisenhower "The Union Adrift." The following excerpts from the Post's long and careful examination of the message makes it clear that if a President is a drifter rather than a doer, the Union of States is bound to be adrift:

The State of the Union message overflows with peace, prosperity and a budget surplus, but there is precious little else in it. Despite President Eisenhower's surprising and politically astute announcement of a \$4.2 billion surplus for fiscal 1961, the message is essentially an uninspiring affair.

There will be little quarrel with most of the noble sentiments and ambitions he expresses, but the gulf between intentions and performance is sometimes wide. For the most part the address is a rather pedestrian and in places polyan-naish account of an Administration imprisoned by a rigid notion of what the Government can do.

Undoubtedly, the prospect of a large budget surplus, by whatever legerdemain it is contrived, will be used as a tranquilizer in a political year. Persons who seek larger expenditures may again be stigmatized as "spenders"—and perhaps intimidated, as the Democrats were last year. But there are two dangers in this sort of coup first, that for appearances it may understate the sums actually required, and second, that it may arouse false hopes and unwarranted pressure for a tax cut. It would be comforting indeed to be able to reduce the national debt if national needs were being adequately met. But the surplus really affords a measure of meeting these needs within the present capabilities of a balanced budget. . . .

It is an interesting phenomenon that as he enters his last year in office Mr. Eisenhower not only retains but actually seems to increase his personal popularity. Very probably much of this response is in recognition of his engaging sincerity

and his likable individual qualities.

But the President's popularity seems to reflect a dissociation of his personality from his office in much the same way as Mr. Eisenhower himself sometimes seems to dissociate his wishes from his powers.

This curious detachment, sometimes evidenced in his news conferences, is very much present in the State of the Union message. It is almost as if he were listing the country's aims and deficiencies with a plaintive query: "Why don't they do something?"

It is precisely this ambivalence that makes the accounting the most disappointing. Perhaps, on the eve of a lusty presidential campaign, the country will lap up the assurance that all is well and going to get better. But it would be nice to think that Americans would have welcomed harder talk about hard problems.

### Why politics

Building a political machine at the best of times, and under ideal conditions, is not an easy task. While we look with envy on the British Labor Party we must realize that it took them over 50 years to reach their goal. The question often asked, and asked too many times I'm afraid, by trade unionists, is why should labor concern itself with politics at all? Why don't we leave politics to the politicians? Why shouldn't labor do as it has in the past—confine its activities to economic matters, such as wages, hours of work, and working conditions, etc. The answer to this, of course, is important. Organized labor is governed by the laws of this country — Doug Hamilton of the Ontario Federation of Labor.

### They don't worry

Most of the nation's newspapers have voiced little if any concern over a massive case of apparent "influence peddling" disclosed by a House Armed Services Subcommittee. The legislators revealed that over 30 top "brass hats," including America's highest ranking military officer — General Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—enjoyed free vacations at an exclusive resort club in the Bahama Islands, all by courtesy of the Martin Company, leading missile manufacturer. — LABOR.

## OPINIONS

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### WANTS MORE NEWS OF BARBERS UNION

Editor, Labor Journal:

I am a subscriber to your Journal and a member of the Journeymen Barbers Union, Local No. 134. You have a splendid paper and I have received a good deal of information from your publication regarding the other union activities.

I have not found even one article about the Barbers Union; such as meeting notices, displays, and pictures of our Union Label, etc.

At the present time, we are not a strong union, but recent efforts in our membership indicate a definite move towards complete organization. The barbers need all the help they can to equate them to other unions. Your publication, as powerful an instrument as it is can surely give us that "push" in the right direction.

The following are some of the salient points that should be mentioned as well as others.

1. Members of other unions should insist on seeing the Barber Shop Union Display Card before receiving barber service. Inasmuch as 85% of Alameda County is Unionized to cover all types of labor. This gesture by other Unions would serve as a big "boost" to the Barbers Union.

2. Notices to our members of Union Meetings.

3. Results of or excerpts from the minutes of our meetings.

We need the backing and support just as unions do and I hope you understand my position on this matter.

Thanking you very much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,  
JAMES C. HOWARD  
1094 Dwight Way  
Berkeley, California

Editor's Note — We're always glad to publish any item about the Barbers Union.

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### SOCIAL SECURITY BUSIEST YEAR

Editor, Labor Journal:

During 1959 more than 12,000 new claims for Social Security payments were received by the Oakland office of the Social Security Administration. These payments go to retired people, their wives and children, young widows with children, widows age 62 or over, dependent parents and disabled people over age 50 and members of their families.

December, 1959, checks totaling about \$4,500,000 go to 65,000 residents of Alameda County. 1959 was the busiest year yet; 1,000 more claims were filed than during 1958.

Without the cooperation of newspapers, radio and television stations, public and private institutions, employers and labor organizations our job would have been much more difficult.

We deeply appreciate the help and cooperation we have received from the public, from public and private individuals and especially from newspapers, radio and television stations.

East Bay Labor Journal has been particularly helpful. The various articles printed for us throughout the year have received wide reader attention and have been extremely important in getting information on Federal Social Security to the public.

We appreciate your cooperation and helpfulness and extend our thanks to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. HAYWARD,  
District Manager.